

# Hawaii Longline Observer Program



**Since February, 1994**

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A woman is floating on her back in clear blue water, wearing a red wetsuit. She has her arms raised and is looking towards the camera. The background is a deep blue water surface with some ripples.

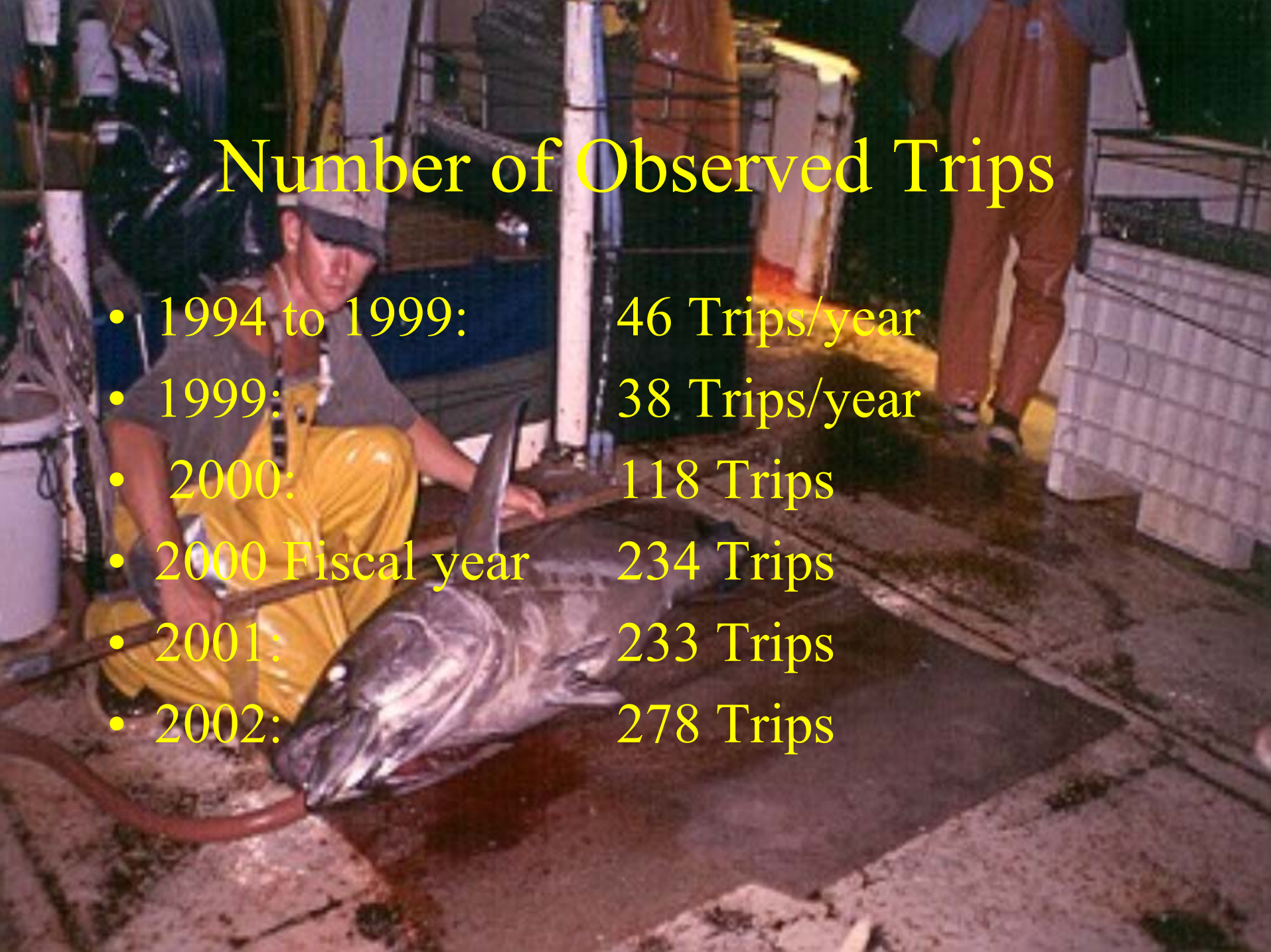
# Observer Coverage

- 1994 to 1999: 4.3%
- August 2000: 10% Minimum
- November 2000: 20% Minimum
- 2000: 10.4%
- 2001: 22.5%
- 2002: 24.6%



# Number of Observed Trips

- 1994 to 1999: 46 Trips/year
- 1999: 38 Trips/year
- 2000: 118 Trips
- 2000 Fiscal year 234 Trips
- 2001: 233 Trips
- 2002: 278 Trips



# Observer Data and Sample Collection



## **Gear and Set Data**





## Protected Species Data





## Sample Collection and Research



## Fish Life history Data





## Catch Composition



# Program Development

- NWHI Bottomfish Program
- American Samoa Longline Program
- CNMI and Guam
- Assisting S. Korean Observer Program  
Development



## Observer of the Month

